

District Hamirpur :

This is another area situated at lower elevation and comparatively warmer but has some hilly ranges covered with Pine forests. These hills can be developed for trekking and camping during winter months. This district was made in 1972 by carving it out from the Kangra district. It is well connected by roads from all sides and thus can be promoted as a tourist destination by developing some historical and religious places. At present the known attractions are Deot-Sidh, Temple of Sujanpur Tihra and Nadaun. Hamirpur town is the Headquarter of this District, which lies on Shimla Dharamshala road.

Hamirpur : General Information

Altitude : varies from 400 meters to 1,100 meters

Headquarter : Hamirpur (altitude 786 metres)

Location : Hamirpur district is situated between 76° 18' to 76° 44' East Longitude and 31° 52' to 31° 30' North Latitudes.

Access by Air : Nearest airport is Gaggal (Kangra).

Access by Rail : The nearest broad gauge railway station is Una and nearest narrow gauge railway station is Ranital (Pathankot-Joginder Nagar railway line) and is connected by regular bus service.

Access by Road : Almost each and every part of the state is linked by roads.

Distance : Hamirpur is approachable by road from Shimla, Chandigarh and Pathankot. Good road from Kiratpur via Bilaspur-Ghagas-Gumarwin and from Shimla via Bilaspur-Ghumarwin have a large number of buses running regularly from all places within the state as well as from Delhi and important towns from Punjab and Haryana.

Famous Places around Hamirpur :

Deotsidh Temple :- The cave temple of Baba Balak Nath is thronged by devotees all the year round. It is situated on the border of Bilaspur (70 Kms), Hamirpur (30 Kms) and is well connected by roads from all sides. During Navratras, there is a continuous stream of visitors to receive blessings of the Baba. Government makes arrangements for stay in tented colonies and provides water, toilets and other essential services. Additional accommodation and installation of rope way to Shah -Talai is expected to attract more tourists.

Nadaun :- This town became famous when the Kangra rulers shifted their Capital here after they lost Kangra Fort to the army of Jahangir. However, it lost its glory when Raja Sansar Chand re-captured Kangra Fort and became the strong ruler of Kangra valley again. It is situated on the Shimla-Dharamshala road on the bank of Beas River, 20 kms. from Hamirpur town and 43 kms from Kangra. It is peaceful town with a good Rest House, an Old Palace and Shiva temple. The Palace Building at Amtar still houses some of the paintings of that time. Jawalajee temple is also not very far and can be visited from here. This place provides excellent facilities for Mahaseer fishing in the Beas River flowing close by. Another attraction is the river rafting from this place to Dehra and further. There are beautiful camping sites for anglers. In view of its beautiful setting, there is a famous local saying "He who goes to Nadaun, why should be return".

Sujanpur Tihra :- It is 22 kms. from Hamirpur town. This place had been the capital of Katoch Dynasty and the old fort is worth visiting. It has a huge ground, where the annual Holi fair is held for 4 days, besides being used for sports activities. Sainik school is also located here. It is also a religious centre. The well known temples are of Narbadeshwar, Gauri Shankar and Murli Manohar temple. This place is suitable for adventure sports like Paragliding, Angling, Rafting and trekking in and around this area.